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Stakeholder Announcement

Proposed Peer Reviewers

Osprey Trawlers North Sea Twin Rigged Plaice Fishery

Intertek Fisheries Certification (IFC) would like to announce the peer reviewers detailed below for **Osprey Trawlers North Sea Twin Rigged Plaice Fishery**. Potential peer reviewers have been approached on the basis of their experience of one or more of the following:

- the fishery under assessment
- fishery management
- stock assessment issues
- other relevant ecosystem interactions.

A short CV for each reviewer is provided below. All stakeholders (including the applicant fishery) are now given the opportunity to state any objections to the selection of a proposed member of the peer review panel, on the basis of any conflicts of interest. This should be accompanied by a clear statement and objective evidence, where possible, of the basis for any objection.

IFC would like to encourage all stakeholders with such comments to submit them by **5pm GMT on 31st July 2015**. The MSC provides guidance and forms for submission of any stakeholder comments, which can be found here:

http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders

In the first instance, please direct all comments to

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Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a fool-proof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at http://www.msc.org.

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Peer Reviewer Details

Dr Mike Pawson.

Mike Pawson retired as senior fisheries advisor at Cefas, Lowestoft, in 2007 after 38 years carrying out biological research and providing scientific advice to Defra, the EC and other national and international organisations on fish stock abundance (marine teleosts, elasmobranches, salmonids and eels), technical conservation measures and fisheries management regulations, and on related monitoring, sampling, survey and research programmes. Between 1974 and 1980, he initiated and led acoustic surveys for blue whiting and mackerel, and trawl surveys in the North Sea (1975-1979), and then spent 1 year working as an UNESCO Expert in Ichthyology in Tripoli, Libya. From 1980 to 1990, Mike designed and managed MAFF's coastal fisheries programme, implementing biological sampling, trawl surveys, a fishermen's logbook scheme and socio-economic evaluation in relation to sea bass fisheries. Between 1990 and 2000 he led the Cefas Western demersal team, providing analytical assessments and management advice for 12 finfish stocks (including Northern hake). During this time he was co-ordinator of the Anglo-French English Channel Fisheries Study Group (1989-1997) and chairman of the ICES Southern Shelf Demersal Stock Assessment Working Group (1996-98), and subsequently chaired the ICES Seabass Study Group (2000-04) and Elasmobranch Study Group (2001-02). He has initiated and managed EU-funded multi-national projects on methods for egg-production stock biomass estimation, bio-geographical identity of English Channel fish stocks, bio-economic modelling of Channel fisheries, development of assessment methods for elasmobranchs, marine recreational fishing in Europe etc.

Mike has provided scientific evaluation, quality assurance and advice to several national and EC-funded projects on fisheries biology, monitoring and assessment, and was an expert advisor to the EC at the inception of the Hake Recovery Plan. Since 2002, Mike directed and managed the assessment of salmon and eel stocks in England and Wales and provided scientific advice on their conservation. One of his major roles over the last 20 years has been peer-reviewing papers, reports and manuscripts in preparation. Mike has acted as peer reviewer for over 40 MSC certification assessments, and has worked as an assessor on 12 MSC certifications.

John Nichols

John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic. He set up and ran the toxic algae monitoring programme for England and Wales from 1992. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes for both pelagic and demersal fish. He has also recently taken part in assessments of the PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, herring and mackerel fisheries, North East coast of England fixed net bass fishery, the Norwegian pelagic fisheries on herring and mackerel, a Swedish pelagic fishery for herring and sprat, and the SW mackerel fishery re-assessment

with Moody Marine. He has also peer reviewed a number of MSC assessments carried out by other certification bodies.